

July 18. 1648. By the By the Commons assembled in Parliament.  
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**I**N the whole management of the late Warr, unto which the Parliament was necessitated on the King-  
doms behalf for recovering and securing their Religion, Lawes, and native Liberties invaded by the  
enemies thereof; the great wisdom, mercy, and power of God from time to time appeared in giving  
to their Forces many great and seasonable victories, (as pledges of his love in owning their Cause) untill  
the whole power and force of those enemies were broken in pieces, and a hopefull door opened for the  
settlement of a wel-grounded and lasting Peace; But the same common Enemy by secret contrivances severall ways,  
obstructed the Parliaments progress therein, seducing the affections of the people, instigating them to a generall  
Insurrection; and under pretence of petitioning for Peace, subtilly promoting a new and bloody Warr; by whose  
wicked practises, the Cause of God and the Kingdom is endangered, and utter ruine threatned to those persons that  
yet own and stand firm to their first principles, and earnestly thirst after the accomplishment of that desirable work  
of Reformation in Church and Commonwealth, when many men are started aside therefrom, and encourage that  
generall Confusion endeavoured by the enemies of Peace and Truth; And we have just cause to say, If the Lord had  
not been on our side when men rose up against us, they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled  
against us; yea, blessed be the Lord, mighty in Counsels and power, who hath not yet given us as a prey unto their  
teeth, but by weak means hath wrought great Salvations for his people, by many Signall victories over them lately  
obtained by the Parliament Forces in severall parts of the Kingdom; the which it is our duty briefly to recount be-  
fore the people, that their hearts may be enlarged with thankfulness, and the Lord of Hosts receive therefore his due  
honour and praise.

*First*, That great defeat given to the Enemies forces in *Wales* under *Laughorn*, and the reducing of *Chepstow*, and  
other Garisons there; as also the reducing of *Appleby Castle*, *Brougham*, and other places of strength in the North;  
and *Walmer Castle* in *Kent*.

*Secondly*, That seasonable mercy and success in *Northwales* against *Sir John Owen*; the gaining of *Maidston* in *Kent*  
after Four hours hot dispute, a place of very great concernment to the Rebels; in which service of the Generall, had  
it miscarried, in all probability, and as it appeared by severall Letters then taken, the ill affected persons in and about  
the City of *London*, and Counties adjacent, had, as one man risen and engaged in the same Rebellion, to the endan-  
gering and ruine of the Parliament, City and Kingdom, which success did allay the distempers then very high in  
some neighbouring Counties, raised through the false suggestions of the Enemies to their peace.

*Thirdly*, The surprisall of about 600. Horse belonging to *Langdale*, and many persons, some of quality, by the  
Forces under Colonell *Fenwick* and Colonell *Lilborne*; and that without the loss of any blood on either side.

*Fourthly*, The utter routing of the *Pomfret*-horse, and some Foot at *Willoughby* in *Nottingham-shire*, after a very  
sharp encounter, by the new raised Forces under Colonell *Edward Rossiter*, the Enemies Forces consisting most of  
Gentlemen, Officers and Reformadoes; of the Enemy, about 100. slain, their Generall, Lieutenant Generall, and  
Major Generall, and many other Gent. Officers, and Souldiers taken, and the number of 500. private Souldiers, be-  
sides their Colours, Armes and Ammunition, and Carriages taken: And the wonderfull Mercy of delivering the Citie  
of *Norwich* and the wel-affected there from imminent and apparent ruine.

*Fifthly*, The dissipating the Forces gathered together under the Earl of *Holland*, Duke of *Buckingham*, Earl of  
*Peterborough*, and other men of quality; so that in less then a week the places of their standing in Rebellion was not  
to be found; who otherwise (had not God given a sodain check to their resolutions and hopes) might have proved  
very prejudiciall to the peace of the Kingdom.

*Sixthly*, The seasonable reducing of *Pembroke* both Town and Castle, after a hard siege, upon honorable termes  
to the Parliament the 10. of July last; whereby the Parliament Forces (engaged there) are at liberty to March  
Northward for to joyn with the other Forces of the Parliament, for the preservation of the peace of the Kingdom  
upon all occasions.

**R**ead 18. July, 1648. and upon the Question assented unto, and Ordered to be forthwith Printed and  
published; And that the Lord Major be desired to communicate the same to the respective Ministers  
within the late Lines of Communication, and Parishes within the weekly Bills of Mortality.

H. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.